

THE THIRD DAY.

25th February 1920.

The Assembly met at 12 noon on Wednesday, the 25th February 1920.

14. Need for assigning more *puduvai* and *poramboke* lands in the names of Parayas.

Mr. Raman Chennan (Member, Nominated) said that, in pursuance of the orders of Government granting certain concessions to Parayas and Pulayas in the matter of *puduvai* registry, only a few acres in the Kunnattur and Peermade taluks had been granted to them. The Pulayas and Parayas who had no access to public offices and were disabled from freely using the public roads were greatly handicapped in regard to the registry of lands. There were about 1,25,000 Parayas in the whole State, out of whom 75,000 were Hindus and the remaining 50,000 Christians. Not even one in a thousand possessed any land for a dwelling site. The difficulty in getting lands for dwelling-sites was also increased by the fact that numerous companies had been started in recent years and they took up large blocks of un-registered waste lands in their names. The Member submitted the following proposals for the consideration of Government:—

(1) *Puduvai* applications from the members of his community should be arranged to be disposed of expeditiously.

(2) Five acres of land in each taluk should be registered in the name of the members of his community for communal use as places of public worship, schools, &c.

(3) A special officer should be appointed for a period of at least 2 years to take necessary steps for the elevation of his community.

(4) The lands named below should be ordered to be registered in the names of Parayas and Pulayas, viz., 350 acres in the Pathanapurom taluk; 180 acres in Survey No. 220/1 in the Vallicode *pakuthi*, Kunnathur taluk; 25 acres in Survey No. 431/2 in the Kodumon *pakuthi* in the Kunnathur taluk; 500 acres in Survey No. 432/2 known as Mutharipadom *thadom* in the Enathimangalom *pakuthi*; 865 acres in Survey No. 283 in the Ezhumattoor *pakuthi*; 550 acres in Survey No. 225/1, 227/1 and 192 in the Cherukole *pakuthi*; 1,500 acres in Survey Nos. 111/1 and 112/1 within the Karikattoor Reserve, Kanjirapalli *pakuthi*; 700 acres in Survey No. 379/1 in the Erumeli *pakuthi*; 500 acres in Survey No. 354/1 in the Injavakkapunja Vayal; 75 acres in Survey No. 371/1 in the Bharanikavu *pakuthi*, Mavelikara taluk; Thollayiram Kuzhimannu within the Valiakavu Reserve; and Kalappakottu Mannu in the Alapra Reserve.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

15. Need for giving practical effect to the orders of Government in the matter of the registry of waste lands in the names of Pulayas and Parayas.

Mr. Abraham Isaac (Member, Nominated) complained that, in spite of the concessions granted to the members of his community from time to time in the matter of registry of *puduvai* lands, they had not derived any substantial benefit. The un-registered waste lands entered on and improved by them were either granted to high-caste men who were wealthy or influential, or brought to sale by auction or the *tharavila* thereon was being made prohibitive. Priority of applications and improvements were ignored and they were turned out of the lands which they had improved. Their applications for *puduvai* lands were often rejected, the number of applications granted being about 1 in 1,000. The truth of his statement would be borne out, if a list be called for as to the number of applications received in each taluk, since the issue of G. O. No. 2290 L. R., dated the 23rd April 1917, the extent of lands applied for, the number of applications granted, the area assigned in pursuance of